

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CHIPPENHAM & CORSHAM

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5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass

9am (Cor) Sung Mass (*Pro Populo*)

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (*Pro Populo*)

Monday 3rd July Feast of Saint

Thomas, Apostle No Mass

Tuesday 4th July Weekday in OT

12.10pm Mass (Ch) (*Mr Cassels*)

Wednesday 5th July Weekday in OT

No Mass

Thursday 6th July Weekday in OT

11.00am Leaving Mass at Corsham

School for Head Teacher (Cor)

Friday 7th July Weekday in OT

12.00pm Funeral Mass of Sheila

Graham (Cor)

Saturday 8th July Weekday in OT

4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.20pm – 4.50pm Confessions (Ch)

4.50pm Benediction (Ch)

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY

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5pm (Sat) (Ch) Vigil Mass (*F. Hodnett*)

9am (Cor) Sung Mass (*Pro Populo*)

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (*Pro Populo*)

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION When Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, a humanitarian crisis began. Many left their homes in eastern cities for cities in the west away from the most intense fighting. From the beginning of the war, the Holy Father pleaded for an end to the violence and expressed his love and concern for the Ukrainian people who were its victims. In solidarity with the victims of war, the papal almoner, Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, made two visits to Ukraine in March 2022. He returned to Ukraine to celebrate Mass in the cathedral in Lviv and to deliver an ambulance donated by the Holy Father to the Centre for Mother and Child Health to assist children displaced by the war. The Holy Father's charitable outreach to victims of war, migrants and refugees, and the poor affected by illness and natural disasters is supported by contributions to the Peter's Pence Collection. When you participate in the collection, you join Catholics across the globe in supporting the pope's mission of mercy. Thank you.

THE CHURCH'S MISSION - AN ONLINE EVENT WITH CARDINAL TAGLE Mission Unleashed: Embracing the Social Dimension of Evangelisation. Friday 14th July 7pm - 8.30pm. Please click [here for more information and to book your place](#) for this webinar hosted by CAFOD.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY STELLA MARIS (SEA SUNDAY) On Sunday 9th July the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church or www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work - so please give generously. Thank you.

FIND OUT ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? Are you interested to know about the Catholic Faith? Would you like to be baptized, confirmed and receive the Eucharist? Would you like to become a Catholic? Do you know anyone who would like to know more about the Catholic Church? If so, our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)/Journey in Faith might be an exciting journey of faith for you. We explore different aspects of the Catholic faith and the teachings of the Catholic Church. We listen to God's word in Scripture, and we pray together. We hope to begin the RCIA program this autumn. Please let Fr Michael or our Administrator know if you are interested.

GATHERING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION Tuesday 4th July at 6pm at St Mary's for ministers who take Holy Communion to the housebound of both parishes

GLASTONURY PILGRIMAGE Sunday 9th July 2023. Theme: 'Mary, Queen of Peace'. The Rosary procession 2.15pm, Mass at 3.30pm.

SAFEGUARDING, CORSHAM Jane Wragg has been the parish representative for eight years would now like to hand it this over. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her well as she develops her pastoral ministry within the parish. Please speak to Fr Michael or Teresa Gosling if you feel you could help with this important ministry.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY helps our community, with phone chats, visits, taking elderly parishioners to church, shopping or giving help to families in need at Christmas. Thank you to those who donate using DONA. Unfortunately, donations are down since the pandemic. If you can give a little, this will enable the SVP to help further within our parish. We also collect via our red boxes and leave boxes on the tables. Thank you.

CALLING ALL CATECHISTS In the autumn we plan to begin the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) for adults looking to baptism at Easter and those wishing to enter into the full communion of the Church. Do you have experience of RCIA, or would you like to be part of the catechetical team? Thank you to those who have volunteered, we have room for more on the team! Please speak to Fr Michael or Teresa Gosling for more details.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS Please keep in your prayers the 14 children from our Parishes who will make their First Holy Communion in St Mary's on Saturday 8th July.

COFFEE AFTER FIRST COMMUNION MASS We are looking for someone to serve tea and coffee in the church hall at St Mary's after Mass on Saturday 8th July. Please contact Teresa Gosling if you are able to help.

PARISH BBQ Sunday 23rd July at 3pm in St Patrick's, Corsham. Please bring your own drinks/cups, chairs plus a salad or dessert to share. Burgers, sausages and rolls provided. Please book online for catering purposes. Go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parish-bbq-tickets-639817410097> All welcome.

LBGT The next monthly celebration of the Mass for the LGBT+ community, family, friends and is at 3pm on Sunday 15th July at St Nicholas of Tolentino. All are welcome. This diocesan initiative offers a welcome and way of reconnecting for many estranged from the Church.

HOLY COMMUNION OF THE SICK If you are sick/housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion (or the Sacrament of the Sick) at home, please call or ask a member of your family to call Fr Michael or Teresa Gosling.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) Chippenham Saturday 4.20pm – 4.50pm and Corsham after Weekday Masses or by arrangement with Fr Michael.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The Sick: Corsham: Richard Keat, Sheila Taylor, Christopher Brawl, Lindsay Price. Chippenham: Brian Tuersley, Lydia Connell, David Lunt, Jon Taylor, Michael Kenny, Mike Merry, Nic Pollastrone, Anne Marie Naylor, Chris Rosario, James Carine, Michaela Finn, Eoin O Mahony, Alan Houghton, Elena Alberti. Pray for all suffering with Coronavirus, all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

RIP Anniversaries: Harry Trowbridge, Robert Perkiss, Tom Birtles, Bud Wainwright, Connie Lindfield, Graham Jones, Nora Coggles

The Holy Father's Prayer July Intention: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Diocesan Prayer Link: St Nicholas of Tolentino, Easton; St Joesph, Fishponds; St Patrick, Redfield, Bristol

In compliance with the requirements of GDPR permission must be sought from an individual (or next of kin) before their name can be added to a list of those who are sick. Do please advise us of any changes to be made to this list.

July - The Month of the Precious Blood



The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

"The Precious Blood which we venerate is the Blood which the Saviour shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it."

One of the oldest documents, outside of sacred scripture, from the first century of the Christian era of Pope St Clement I, dated about 96 A.D. says: "Let us fix our gaze on the Blood of Christ and realize how truly precious It is, seeing that it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of conversion to the whole world."

Collect from the Mass of the Precious Blood

"O God, who by the Precious Blood of your Only Begotten Son have redeemed the whole world, preserve in us the work of your mercy, so that ever honouring the mystery of our salvation, we may merit to obtain its fruits.
Through Our Lord...

A Prayer for Ukraine

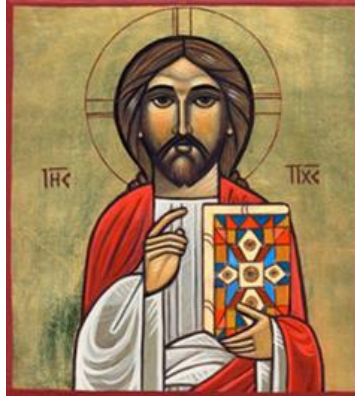


Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.
We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.
We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.
Amen.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

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First reading

A reading from the second book of the Kings

2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call our Shunammitess. Tell her this: "Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us, what can we do for you? Is there anything you would like said for you to the king or to the commander of the army?"' But she replied, 'I live with my own people about me.' 'What can be done for her then?' he asked. Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' he said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

Psalm 88(89):2-3,16-19

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss.

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
by your favour it is that our might is exalted;
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.

Second reading

Romans 6:3-4,8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf.Ac16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 10:37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord